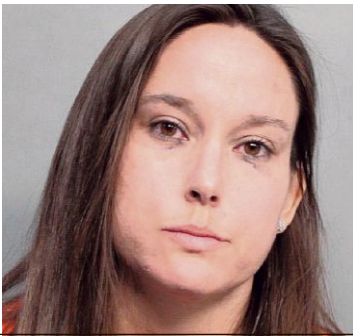


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MASSACRE AT TEXAS CHURCH

‘This will be a long, suffering mourning for those in pain’

■ At least 26 slain after a gunman kills worshippers who were at a service at a small-town Texas church. Officials did not see any immediate sign that he was motivated by international terror groups.

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Washington Post

SUTHERLAND SPRINGS, TEXAS
A lone gunman shot and killed more than two dozen people Sunday — most shot in pews as they worshiped — inside a small community church in South Texas before fleeing and later being found dead several miles from the scene, authorities said.
The mass shooting, which left at least 20 others injured, happened during morning services at the First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, a countryside town about 30 miles southeast of San Antonio. The dead ranged in age from 5 to 72, authorities said.
“At this moment in time, there are 26 lives that have been lost,” Texas Gov. Greg Abbott said during an early evening news conference Sunday. “We don’t know if that number will rise or not. All we know is that’s too many and this will be a long, suffering mourning for those in pain.”
Two law enforcement officials said that the suspect has been identified as Devin Kelley, 26, a Texas man who lived in a nearby county. Those officials did not see any immediate sign that he was motivated by international terror groups, but they cautioned the investigation is still in its early stages. Authorities had not yet provided any information about a possible motive for the shooting as of Sunday evening.
Witnesses and authorities described the shooter as a white male in his 20s wearing all black clothing and a tactical vest.



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Top, Carrie Matula embraces a woman after the shooting on Sunday. Below, law enforcement officials work at the scene of a fatal shooting at the First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, Texas.

At a glance

- **The deadliest mass shooting** in Texas history also leaves at least 20 people injured.
- **The gunman has been identified** as Devin Kelley, a Texas native in his mid-20s. It was not immediately clear whether he died from a self-inflicted gunshot or was shot by a resident.
- **The church** is in Sutherland Springs, about 40 miles southeast of San Antonio. **Story, 2A**
- **President Donald Trump tweeted Sunday:** “May God be w/ the people of Sutherland Springs, Texas. The FBI & law enforcement are on the scene. I am monitoring the situation from Japan.”

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THE BALLOT BOX

Voting access under attack as Election Day ’18 nears

■ Attacks on ballot access threaten to make voting more of a privilege in the United States than a constitutional right, say voting rights advocates.

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WASHINGTON
Not since the death of poll taxes and literacy tests in the 1960s has access to the ballot box been so under siege. And as the march toward Election Day 2018 begins, the forces that helped abolish those voting obstacles appear to be moving in the opposite direction.
Fueled by conservative

Supreme Court rulings, GOP politics and President Donald Trump’s unsubstantiated claims of voter fraud, attacks on ballot access now threaten to make voting more of a privilege in the United States than a constitutional right, say voting rights advocates.
“There appears to be an almost coordinated campaign unfolding across the country to institute voting suppression measures at the local and state level,” said Kristen Clarke, executive director of the Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law. “Whether it’s hostility, recalcitrance or recklessness, sadly, we’re seeing

many efforts to turn back the clock on the voting rights of ordinary Americans.”
Those concerns were heightened when Kris Kobach, vice chairman of Trump’s election fraud commission, revealed in a deposition that he wants to let states require proof of citizenship to register to vote. A spokesman for Rep. Steve King suggested the Republican from Iowa may introduce legislation to do so.
Efforts to make it harder to vote can be traced to three recent events, including the 2008 Supreme Court decision in *Crawford*

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GARTH REEVES, PUBLISHER EMERITUS OF THE MIAMI TIMES

Civil-rights advocate maintains a fighting spirit

■ Garth Reeves, the longtime publisher of The Miami Times and civil rights activist, now has a street named after him near the Historic Lyric Theater in Overtown.

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Garth Reeves still remembers the battles from 70 years ago when black people in Dade County were banned from playing golf or going to certain beaches.
And while he led the movement to break down those barriers, the longtime editor of The Miami



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Garth Reeves, 98, grew up in Miami and played a key role in desegregating golf courses and the beaches.
Times, South Florida’s premier black newspaper, says the community still has much to do. The next few years in Miami — amid a contentious political

climate — will be crucial in determining how South Florida grows and evolves.
“The world is so interesting today. That’s why I wish I could live another 10 years,” said Reeves, 98, who was honored Friday afternoon when Miami leaders named a portion of an Overtown street after him. “I think it’s going to be a very interesting decade coming up. I think it’s going to be quite different from what you see now.”
Reeves, publisher emeritus of the weekly newspaper started by his father on Sept. 1, 1923, said today’s

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